

# Final Report

## At-A-Glance

The Canadian Youth Climate Assembly met over three months for 35 hours during nine sessions.

They heard from subject matter experts, engaged in extensive small-group and plenary dialogue, and reached consensus on the recommendations presented in their final report. They presented their report to a group of Senators and MPs in the Senate Chamber on **September 21, 2025**.



Randomly selected through a civic lottery



35 hours of deliberation



### ↓ PRIORITIES

- Accountability, action & trust
- Education, literacy & awareness
- Innovation and energy systems to phase out fossil fuel dependency

- Justice, equity, and Indigenous self-determination
- Preparedness, safety & resilience
- Youth voice, representation & respect

### ↓ PRINCIPLES FOR PARLIAMENTARIANS

- Collaboration
- Intergenerational resilience
- Systems thinking
- Transparency

- Pragmatism
- Non-partisanship
- Equity

### ↓ RECOMMENDATION HIGHLIGHTS

The Assembly arrived at **23 recommendations** across the three specific themes: preparing for climate risks, reducing emissions in the oil and gas sector, and strengthening climate accountability. Below are a selected few.

#### PREPARING FOR CLIMATE RISKS

- Invest in a national standard or federally-led intergovernmental agency to coordinate all levels of government—including Indigenous governments—to improve communication, resource allocation, and emergency preparedness and response.
- Mandate and support long-term mental health resources across provinces and territories so all Canadians can access care for climate-related trauma and distress.
- Collaborate with farmers of all scales and agricultural unions to review agricultural policies and invest in sustainable practices, incentives, and protection that supports farmer wellbeing and resilient food systems.
- Strengthen and invest in incentive programs that promote community adoption of deep retrofits and sustainable technologies to improve the safety and resilience of public spaces, homes, and businesses against extreme climate events.

#### REDUCING EMISSIONS IN THE OIL + GAS SECTOR

- Review existing regulations to reduce subsidies to the oil and gas sector and make any remaining subsidies contingent on meeting greenhouse gas emission targets to incentivize more efficient emissions reductions.
- Encourage interprovincial and interterritorial cooperation to connect East-West and North-South energy grids and strengthen grid resiliency as Canada transitions to renewable energy.
- Expand and develop programs that incentivize sustainable, decent jobs across all provinces and territories—especially for youth—and attach labour conditionalities or prevailing wage measures to clean energy procurement and investment to ensure equitable economic development during the transition.
- Make scientific, data-driven decisions to mitigate costs passed from industry to consumers during the transition from oil and gas to alternative energy sources, in order to protect vulnerable Canadians from rising living expenses such as housing, food, and other essential needs.

#### CLIMATE ACCOUNTABILITY

- Require government departments to prioritize sustainable, local, and low-emission goods and services in procurement to lead by example and incentivize Canadian businesses to develop sustainable products.
- Ensure Indigenous nations have informed equity and decision-making power in all major project development in accordance with the UNDRIP Act, recognizing that Indigenous empowerment is climate action.
- Raise public awareness of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development, safeguard its independence in how it reports to Parliament, and clarify its role to strengthen oversight, accountability, and public trust in climate action.
- Meaningfully engage youth early in decision-making through inclusive, low-barrier, and demographically representative processes to create policies that reflect the perspectives of young people living in Canada and that strengthen democratic resilience.



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